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Attorney Docket No. 21106-000510US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

SOMCHAI KREANG-AREKUL et al.

Application No.: 10/005,473

Filed: November 6, 2001

For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR  
COMBINING A PLURALITY OF  
RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGES

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 22, 2004, which set forth the following groups of claims:

I. Claims 1-39, 43-44, and 54-68 drawn to stitching and aligning a plurality of images, classified in Class 382, subclass 294.

II. Claims 40-42 and 45-53, drawn to a method of blending stitched images, classified in Class 382, subclass 284.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-39, 43-44 and 54-68, with traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional or related application to the claims of non-elected groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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